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Subject: A Plea for Help from Tega Cay, SC

Dear Public Servant of Our Great State of South Carolina:

My name is Jon Richardson. I live in Tega Cay, SC, and am a proud South Carolinian, having moved my family here 8 years ago from Austin, TX.

I am concerned about the damaging effects to our community that have been caused by UI/TCWS, which owns and operates the water system in our city. This company has caused numerous sewage spills, dumping more than 500,000 gallons of sewage into our beautiful Lake Wylie from January 2013 to January 2014. In addition to supplying drinking water to our community, this lake also provides recreation for numerous other cities which border it, including Rock Hill, SC, Lake Wylie, SC, Charlotte, NC, and Belmont, NC.

DHEC has fined UI/TCWS twice: \$22,000 and \$60,000. Ironically, these fines, instead of effecting changes in UI/TCMS operations, have resulted in a sinister response from the company, which has simply passed them on to us in the form of higher water and wastewater rates.

We have no legal recourse in this matter, since the company is protected by law as a public utility against consumer suits.

I appeal to you as one who serves our great state, and desires to improve it economically, environmentally, and recreationally. Please help us!

Sincerely,
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